

RURAL SANITARY DISTRICT OF NORTON.

Annual Report,

1909.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area in Acres.....8,404 acres.

Population:-

Census 1901.....3,348.

Estimated 1909.....4,219.

Inhabited Houses:-

Census 1901.....715.

Estimated 1909.....899.

New Houses occupied during
the year.....31.

Rateable Value.....£23,977.6.6.

Assessable Value.....£21,861.0.9.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Birth Rate.	Infantile Mortality	All Causes.	Epidemic Diseases.	Enteric Fever & Diarrhoea.	Phthisis.
18.25.	77.91.	10.66.	.49.	.23	.71.

Has Infectious Disease Prevention Act 1890,
been adopted?.....Yes.

Has Public Health Amendment Act, 1890 been
adopted?.....Yes.

Has District Council been recommended to
adopt Notification of Births Act 1907?.....No.

Has Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 been
adopted?.....No.

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Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1909.

The house accommodation in your District is satisfactory. No houses have been closed during the year. The Building Bye-laws were passed in 1884, and have been added to from time to time.

The Sewerage Scheme for Dore is nearly completed, and a large number of houses have already been connected. Water closets are now required in all new property built in this area. Thirteen insanitary privies and ashpits have been dealt with during the year, and nuisances in connection therewith have been remedied.

The arrangements for scavenging have been practically the same as for the previous year. In the Townships of Dore and Totley comprising a population of 2957 scavenging is carried out by the Council's Contractors at a cost of £100 per annum for Dore and £55 per annum for Totley. The Council have acquired Urban Powers for scavenging in the remaining portion of the District, but up to the present time they have not undertaken the duty.

The Water Supply of the District must be considered good for a rural district, as nearly every considerable collection of houses derive their supply from the Sheffield mains, and most of the isolated houses have a fairly good supply. In several Districts the Council have undertaken to pay a guarantee to the Sheffield Water Company where the rates are not sufficient to meet the annual charges required by them. In one case a defective water supply has been remedied.

There is one Slaughter House in the District, and this has been inspected four times during the year. The Sanitary Inspector does not hold any special certificate in meat inspection, and his visits are not made during the time of slaughtering. No carcasses have been found to be tuberculous. The animals killed at this slaughter-house are of high quality and it is not likely

that any diseased or inferior meat would be offered for sale.

In two cases of Anthrax notified to me during the year by the Derbyshire County Police, the infected carcasses were detected by the Meat Inspector in the City of Sheffield. In these cases all those who had been in contact with the infected animals were warned of the risk of contracting the disease but in no instance did this occur.

There are 65 Dairies and Cowsheds on the Register. 141 Inspections have been made and 4 notices served. Nearly all the Dairies in the District supply milk for consumption in the City of Sheffield, and under a local Act the Sheffield Authorities possess the power of veterinary inspection where milk is supplied from outside the city boundaries.

One Bakehouse exists in the District, and has been inspected twice during the year.

There are no Lodging Houses and no Offensive Trades are carried on in the District.

Early in the year I reported to the Council that the privy-middens at Totley School were in an unsatisfactory condition, and I understand that this matter is being remedied by the Education Authority.

The following Infectious Diseases have been notified during the year:-

Scarlatina.....17.

Diphtheria (and membranous
croup)..... 3

Erysipelas.....1

Removed to Hospital (Scar-
latina).....14.

Scarlatina. From February 16th. to February 20th. six cases of Scarlatina were notified, five of whom attended Totley School. Three of these cases were removed to the Hospital, and three treated at home. I visited the School on February 19th. and as

a consequence of my visit the notification of one case was secured, which would probably have escaped notification otherwise. From March 8th. to April 20th. five more cases occurred at Totley, and all were removed to the Hospital. In May the mother of one of the children removed to Hospital in March, developed Scarlatina soon after the return home of her child. During May an adult at Totley and a child at Norton developed the disease, but these were probably independent cases as regards infection. In September a single case of the disease occurred at Greenoak, and during the last week of the year two cases of Scarlatina were notified from Victoria Road, Bradway Bank, the infection in these cases probably being derived from school attendance outside the district. Two cases of diphtheria and one of diphtheritic croup, occurred as isolated cases in different parts of the District.

The Council defray the cost of bacteriological examination for the ^adiagnosis of diphtheria, enteric fever, and pulmonery tuberculosis.

During the year, the Council have adopted the voluntary notification of phthisis, and issued circulars to that effect, offering a fee of 2s.6d. for each case notified by a medical practitioner.

Disinfection after infectious disease is carried out by the Sanitary Inspector, and where disinfection by steam is necessary the articles requiring disinfection are taken to the Isolation Hospital.

Two Schools have been disinfected during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed)

A.K.GALE.

